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1. Twenty-six single-engine low-wing monoplanes with in-line engine, the same type as previously observed, were parked in front of the closed hangars of the Schoenwalde (N 53/Z 66) airfield on 18 December 1949. The engines and cockpits were covered with tarpaulins. The Soviet star was in a white circle. The figure 17 was seen on a plane. Two twin-engine low-wing monoplanes with double rudder assembly were parked in the eastern section of the field. Only the wooden cabin of the radio station west of the field existed, the four masts being removed.
2. Thirty to thirty-two single-engine low-wing monoplanes with in-line engine, were parked in front of the closed hangars on 31 December 1949. The white figures 21 and 99 were recognized on two planes. There was no flying.
3. Three twin-engine low-wing monoplanes with double rudder assembly flew at about 11 a.m. on 4 January 1950. The planes apparently have been parked in the two hangars east of the field.
4. About 25 single-engine low-wing monoplanes were parked in two rows in front of the hangars on 7 January 1950. The engines and cockpits were covered with tarpaulins. The radio station was still without masts. Some soldiers, wearing red-bordered, black epaulets with two crossed gun barrels, left the field kasernes. Soviet Air Force troops were quartered in the settlement west of the field.

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5. Twenty-six single-engine low-wing monoplanes covered with tarpaulins were parked on the north-west edge of the field on 3 January 1950. There was no flying. No radio stations or boundary lights were seen. A tank installation of five semi-underground containers covered with a wooden roof was on the southwest edge of the field. A sentry wearing red-bordered, black epaulets was posted at the guardhouse. Other soldiers wore artillery insignia. The following air force motor vehicles passed through the kaserne gate:

E 5-33-19, truck
E 5-35-20, passenger car,
E 5-35-34, passenger car,
B 7-85-75, truck
E 5-36-06, truck
E 5-36-46, truck
[3-05-79, passenger car

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6. Nine single-engine low-wing monoplanes covered with tarpaulins were parked on the north edge of the field on 23 January 1950. The field kasernes were occupied to capacity. No air force soldiers, only soldiers wearing red-bordered, black epaulets, were seen. The officers' houses left of the road from Schoenwalde to the field were occupied by Soviets.

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Comment:

The number of aircraft reported by all sources, approximately agree. According to the motor vehicle numbers, the planes are assigned to a ground attack unit. It is assumed that a ground attack regiment is still stationed there. Army units are also stationed at the field.

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